

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the Application of:    | ) | Art Unit: 1709         |
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| SPEER et al.                 | ) | Examiner: Jie Yang     |
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| Application No.: 10/526,840  | ) | Confirmation No.: 1092 |
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| Filed: March 3, 2005         | ) |                        |
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| Atty. Docket No.: 34090.0279 | ) |                        |
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| Title: "METHOD FOR PRODUCING | ) |                        |
| STEEL WITH RETAINED          | ) |                        |
| AUSTENITE"                   | ) |                        |

Mail Stop Amendment  
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**REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**(37 CFR §1.111(a)(1))**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of **July 20, 2007**, please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 4 of this paper.